ferential sugar export quotas to the United States and to the European Community countries; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHID): (a) and (b) The preferential quotas for the export of sugar to the United States and to the European Community were utilised in the past by the State Trading Corporation and the Indian sugar and General Industry Export Import Corporation Limited (ISGIEIC). No decision has been taken about the distribution of quota for the year 1991-92.

Visit to India by Foreign Delegations

1765. PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1010 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 3rd December, 1991 and state:

(a) the details of foreign delegations that visited India in the past three months with a view to increasing joint ventures and providing financial aids and assistance;

(b) whether it is a fact that in spite of relaxation in Government's policies nothing concrete has been achieved by India; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

चाय के निर्यात में गिरावट

1766. **श्री ईश दत्त यादव :** क्या **वाणिज्य** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि भारत के चाय-निर्यात में गिरावट आई है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ; और

(ग) चाय का निर्यात बढ़ाने के लिए सरकार द्वारा क्या प्रयास किए जा रहे हैं ?

वाणिज्य मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी० चिदम्बरम्) : (क) पिछले पांच वर्षों के दौरान चाय के निर्यात के आंकड़े नीचे दिए गए हैं :—

वर्ष	मात्रा रु० कि.ग्रा.	मूल्य करोड़ रु. में	यूनिट मूल्य रु. कि. ग्रा.
1986–87 . . .	196.23	579.48	30.25
1987–88 . . .	201.83	627.77	29.53
1988–89 . . .	204.08	635.28	31.13
1989–90 . . .	210.62	904.72	42.86
1990–91* . . .	199.48	1045.41	52.40

*अनुमानित

यह देखा जा सकता है कि मूल्य प्राप्ति और यूनिट मूल्य प्राप्ति में वृद्धि हुई है जब कि निर्यात की गई मात्रा लगभग 200 एम कि०ग्रा० के स्तर तक स्थिर रही है ।

(ख) बदली हुई घरेलू मांग चाय के निर्यात की मात्रा में स्थिरता का मुख्य कारण है ।

(ग) सरकार द्वारा चाय के निर्यात को बढ़ाने के लिए लिए गए उपायों में निम्नलिखित शामिल हैं :—

(i) निर्यात के लिए उपलब्धता में वृद्धि करने के लिए उत्पादन तथा उत्पादकता को बढ़ाना ;

(ii) भारतीय रुपए का अवमूल्यन जिससे हमारी चाय अधिक प्रतियोगी बनी है ।

(iii) चाय के निर्यात को प्रोत्साहित करने के लिए निर्यातों के लिए एक्विम स्क्रिप्स की व्यवस्था करना ;

(iv) विदेशी कार्यालयों और व्यापार मेलों में सहभागिता के माध्यम से भारतीय चाय का संवर्धन ।

Granting of ISO-9000 Certificates by The Export Inspection Council

1767. SHRI SHIVPRASAD CHANPURIA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state the details of steps taken for giving powers to Export Inspection Council for granting ISO-9000 certificates?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHID): with a view to enabling industry to obtain registration certificates in conformity with ISO-9000 series from accredited registration bodies, the Export Inspection Council, through the Export Inspection Agencies (EIA), have equipped themselves to provide the following services to the industry:

(i) Conducting inhouse quality system appreciation programme for benefit of the Chief Executives and Heads of the Departments in the industry;

(ii) Consultancy in the preparation of manual, quality procedures and work instructions by the industry and conducting of adequacy audit to verify whether these documents are in line with ISO-9000 series of standards; and

(iii) Compliance audit through trial assessment of the industry by EIA Officers.

Fresh Investment in India

1768. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI SHIV PRASAD MISHRA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and France have agreed to upgrade the economic ties between the two countries and to diversify the on-going collaboration and joint ventures through transfer of technology in areas like solar energy and agro based industries as a result of the talks between the Indian Prime Minister and the Franch President;

(b) if so ,the details thereof and what are the proposals which are under consideration; and

(c) what was result of talks with Chief Executives of the Franch companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) The need for closer Indo-French economic cooperation was re-emphasized by the Prime Minister of India and the French President during their talks in Paris in November, 1991. In the course of separate discussions held by the Prime Minister